

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22-40 are pending in the present application. In the Final Office Action mailed August 16, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 10, 11, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Bartlett et al. (USP 5,060,481). The Examiner next rejected claims 1, 7, and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartlett et al. Claims 2-5, 16, 26, 28, 31, 32, 35, and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bartlett et al. in view of Emeric et al. (US Pub. 2002/0148604).

Claims 17-20, 22-25, and 37-40 are allowed. Claims 6, 8, 12-14, 27, 29, 30, 33, and 34 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter. Such indication is appreciated.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 33, and thus, claim 33 has been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 12, and thus, claim 12 has been canceled. Claim 13 has been amended to correct dependency. Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 27, and thus, claim 27 has been canceled. Claim 34 has been amended to correct dependency, since claim 33 has been canceled and the subject matter of claim 33 has been incorporated into claim 1. New claim 41 has been added to incorporate the subject matter of claim 26 with the allowable subject matter of claim 29. This amendment therefore places all pending claims in condition for allowance.

Therefore, in light of at least the foregoing, Applicant respectfully believes that the present application is in condition for allowance. As a result, Applicant respectfully requests timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-11, 13-20, 22-26, 28-32, and 34-41.

A fee in the amount of \$200.00 is concurrently being paid via EFS-Web for fees associated with entering the claim newly presented herein.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's consideration of these Amendments and Remarks and cordially invites the Examiner to call the undersigned, should the Examiner consider any matters unresolved.

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General Authorization and Extension of Time

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by credit card authorization being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Please consider this a general authorization to charge any fee that is due in this case, if not otherwise timely paid, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

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